U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MARK R. TOOLEY <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Seattle, Wash.

Docket No. 97-678; Submitted on the Record; Issued October 8, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the October 21, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Program's hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The October 21, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. October 8, 1998

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

George E. Rivers Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member